

NEW HORIZONS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October Newsletter

New Horizons PCUSA
9424 Everman Ave.
Overland, MO 63114

Important Dates for October

World Communion Sunday	October 1
Columbus Day / Native American Day	October 9
World Mission Sunday	October 22
Halloween	October 31

Church Office Hours:
Tu, Th, F: 8:30am—2:00pm

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NEW HORIZONS PC(USA)

News 'n Views

Seek ye the Lord, with heart, mind, and soul

Sunday of Assessment Report

SUNDAY OF ASSESSMENT REPORT
September 10, 2017

"Dreams of the future begin by writing them down."

--from Pastor Mark's sermon
(See *Habakkuk 2*)

What do you see as achievements in the life of New Horizons?

After a successful merger, we have kept the doors open and shared the building with the Pendo Congregation (the Kenyans). We saw the Food Pantry grow until they saw the need for more space for an expanded mission. More community groups are using the church for meetings. We have continued having worship services with the leadership of several pastors. We participate with the Pendo Congregation in a project to build a well in Kenya.

What were some of the difficult changes?

We grieve the loss of members who have moved away or passed on. Many remaining members have limited physical abilities. Despite changes in pastoral leadership, we have continued.

What programs are missed?

We miss the presence of "kids," especially the Youth Group and their help with music and worship. We miss the Christmas Cantata, the hand bell choirs, and the use of the organ. We miss social gatherings such as church dinners and float trips. We miss our direct participation in social outreach programs such as Room at the Inn and the Food Pantry.



Lee Crisler
Faith Gillespie
Elaine & Tom Shanahan
Jeff Johnson
Lucille Yamnitz
Evelyn Reed
Kathryn Byrd
Edie Roberts
Marion Brewer
Lore Bailey
Tom Highfill
Peg Berger
Dorothy Alexander
Julianna Yamnitz
David Crabtree
Tamara King
Charity Sherrington
Michele Klous
Jennifer Einfeldt
Marcia Shrum
Crystal Freeman
Matt Woods
Claudia Commons

****Please submit new prayer requests to the Office, church email, or After Hours Mailbox.**

Office Hours:

Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:30am—2pm

Pastor's Hours:

Tues* & Thurs 1pm—4pm

Office phone: (314) 427-0841

Pastor's cell phone: (314) 779-6940

Pastor's email: mark.strothmann@att.net

What new programs do you enjoy?

We appreciate Barb for providing music and directing the choir for worship services. The addition of a projector in the sanctuary has been well received. Meeting after worship for fellowship has become popular again. St. Louis Sports Outreach has become a popular new program using our building. *Committee additions:* Home communion to shut-ins and an active Presbyterian Women for a church our size.

"We are comfortable with ourselves and at the same time frustrated about what we would like to be."

--comment from the congregation

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The next Sundays of Assessment will be:

October 8: "Exploring Community Connections"

October 29: "Looking into the Future."

Your attendance is greatly appreciated!

MHPC Arts & Crafts Fair

Saturday, October 7, 2017
9am—2pm

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Maryland Heights Presbyterian Church
200 Harding Ave.
Maryland Heights, MO

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The Maryland Heights Presbyterian Church invites you to their Arts & Crafts Fair to benefit their church missions. A variety of hand-crafted and novelty items will be available as well as a wide selection of baked goods.

Lunch plates of hot dogs, chips and a drink will be available for purchase as well.

Newsletter Deadline

Newsletter articles for the November Issue should be submitted to **the office** by October 25, 2015.



Presbyterian Women Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th, 2017
12:00 pm

The next Presbyterian Women's meeting will be Tuesday, October 10th at **noon**. Please bring a sandwich for lunch and dessert will be provided.

All women of the church are always welcome and invited!

RCC Spook-tacular Trivia Night!

Saturday, October 7th, 2017
6pm—10pm

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Wild Acres Auditorium
10400 Midland Blvd.

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The Ritenour Co-Care, Inc. Food Pantry invites you to a Spook-tacular evening full of trivia, fun mini-games, silent and live auctions, raffles, a homemade dessert auction and much more! Costumes are encouraged as awards will be given for Best Costume, Best Dressed Table, and Best Decorated Table (tablecloth provided!).

Tickets are \$20 each, or \$160 per table of 8.
BYOB; Popcorn and soda will be provided.

Call or email Apple to reserve your tickets now!

(314) 541-7103, or
ksanders.foodpantry@yahoo.com

Please send checks to:
"Ritenour Co-Care, Inc."
P.O. Box 142542
Overland, MO 63114

****The Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry is also asking for donations of baked goods for the dessert auction and basket items for the silent auction. If you would be willing to donate any items, even if you cannot attend the fundraiser, please contact Apple to make arrangements. All donations are greatly appreciated!! Thank you!!**

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Hurricane Irma, a record-setting storm, has passed, but the extent of the devastation is just starting to be known.

Members of PDA's National Response Team will arrive in Florida, Georgia and South Carolina this week to provide aid, assess damage, and offer spiritual and emotional care for those impacted by the winds and flooding. While PDA has already been in contact with presbyteries throughout Florida and Puerto Rico, the Church remains mindful of the areas where contact has, so far, been difficult to make. Once the information arrives from the Florida Keys as well as the Caribbean islands nearly wiped from the map, the destruction of this storm will begin to be fully known.

There are years of recovery ahead. Will you help extend the hands of Christ by standing in the GAP? — Give. Act. Pray.

GIVE:

PDA's emergency response and specialization in long-term recovery is fueled by your generous gifts. Designate gifts to:

Atlantic Regional Hurricanes DR000194

You can also give with a credit card by visiting:
presbyterianmission.org/GIVE-Irma
or by calling: **800-872-3283**

PDA is still in need of support for mucking out and rebuilding efforts in the Gulf region after Harvey. Thank you to those of you who have already directed gifts to (DR000169-Harvey).

ACT:

Put together Gift of the Heart kits for survivors in the affected areas — see below. For more information, go to pda.pcusa.org/page/kits/.

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Hygiene Kit (Value \$15)

- 1 — hand towel (approximately 16" x 28", no fingertip or bath towels)
- 1 — washcloth

- 1 — wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
- 1 — nail clipper (UPDATE: nail clippers with metal files or emery boards attached are now accepted; remove from package)
- 1 — bar of soap (bath size in wrapper)
- 1 — toothbrush (in original packaging)
- 10 — Band-Aids® or other adhesive bandage strips

****Please do not add toothpaste to the Hygiene Kit.****

Cleanup Bucket (Value \$75)

- 1 — 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid*
- 5 — scouring pads
- 7 — sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 — scrub brush
- 1 — pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes®)
- 1 — 50 oz. or two 25 oz. bottle(s) of liquid laundry detergent
- 1 — liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol®), 12 oz.
- 1 — bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn®), 24-28 oz.
- 1 — 1 pkg. clothespins, 48-50 Clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 — dust masks
- 2 pair — latex gloves (like Playtex®)
- 1 pair — work gloves
- 1 — 24 to 28 count roll heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 — bottle insect repellent (pump, drops or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles. Send only new, unopened materials. Put all items in the plastic bucket, packed securely to avoid damage during shipment, and seal lid with packing tape.

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PRAY:

God of help and hope, in the challenging days, months and years to come, work through us to bring relief and respite from urgent need, comfort and the hope of peace for those who grieve the loss of family, home and safety, and faith to walk on through weary days of rebuilding. May we be steadfast in love, stronger than death, and thus, with those whose lives we seek to sustain, together bear witness to your redeeming love. Amen.

Rev. Craig Howard: "Change"

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you'."

- Genesis 12:1

"The only person who like change is a wet baby!"

- Mark Twain

I believe the future of our denomination can be seen in our individual congregations. We have congregations of different sizes, different geographic locations, and different levels of wealth. We have some congregations where you have to wade through the children to get to the pulpit, and other congregations where there are no children present. We have congregations soaked in history and generations of membership, and we have congregations still forming their identity. We have seven congregations that are majority non-white, and several congregations where people of color attend, but they are a small minority.

Yet, there is one consistent feature in all of our congregations, change. And as one congregation recently told me, "We are old and aging, and we do not like change!"

In the book, *Strategic Leadership for a Change*, Kenneth McFayden uses the scripture text and Mark Twain quote from above. He writes that people do not fear change, they fear loss. Change means letting go of comfort, identity, and familiarity. It means moving beyond "This is how we have always done it."

There is comfort in repetition. There is power in being the one who knows "how things work around here." McFayden writes, "Many congregations find themselves in the throes of significant change. The culture is shifting, as are the demographics of communities and denominations. Congregations feel a sense of urgency to grow. What they do not feel is an urgency to change."

Change means potential loss, and potential conflict. Change is uncomfortable, frustrating, and can even be painful. Change means walking in the fog of liminality, not sure where the

ground is; not knowing if we are at the edge of the end or the first step of a new beginning. Change takes courage.

As the presbytery continues to move in the direction that God is calling us to go, we are challenged like Abram to step into the uncomfortable, knowing that God is calling us into new and exciting place. In 2018 we will continue to change-up presbytery gatherings; making them powerful experiences of fellowship, learning, and worship. We will push and challenge our pastors, ruling elders, and leaders to learn, learn, learn! We will continue to tweak our structure so that it will serve us, and not force us to serve it. We will be a presbytery connected to the social issues and changes that are happening throughout our presbytery. And this will only work if we work together.

Let's come together. Let's get connected. Let's become God's people for such a time as this.

- Rev. Craig M. Howard

Moment for Prayer

Holy Lord, may our words, our work and our hearts welcome all your children into the broad and beautiful kingdom of God. Amen.

October Birthdays



Barbara Hause	10/09
Harry Sherrington	10/12
Doris Cochran	10/24

October Anniversaries

Drew & Karen Lohnes 10/16



October 2017 - New Horizons' Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:30am Worship & Communion 12:30pm Pendo Comm.	2 10:00am Free to be Me AI-Anon (JH)	3 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (JH)	4 8:30am Mission Sewing	5 7:00pm Choir 7:00pm Narcotics Anon (FH)	6 10:00am Freedom AI-Anon (JH)	7 10:00am Pendo Prayers In Sanct.
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